

Bean Farmer Real King in Torrance Co.

Mountainair, N. M., Oct. 2.—One man, whose farm lies east of Mountainair, threshed part of his 60-acre crop of beans last week, yielding him 73,800 pounds. From one measured acre he threshed 1,560 pounds, this being one of the best yields reported thus far. From the 65 acres threshed, Mr. Dunn has 738 sacks, averaging about 100 pounds each. This is an average yield of 1,135 pounds per acre from the 65 acres. He still has 15 acres to thresh.

That the bean farmer is king in Torrance county is not to be disputed, says the Mountainair Independent. There is evidence all around us that beans are the money crop of this county, as far as the farmer is concerned. The average this year is larger than ever heretofore, and the yield is remarkable. An average yield has been supposed in the past to be 500 to 700 pounds. This year the yield in number of instances on large acreages exceeds 1,500 pounds per acre, just what the greatest yield on a single acre is cannot be told as yet as threshing is just beginning. Several reports are at hand as high as 1,600 pounds from a single acre. The good crop last year put most of the farmers on their feet, so that this season will find the farmer independent. The demand for the Mexican bean has been growing larger each year, so that good prices are assured.

EX-RAILROAD AGENT PLEADS MANSLAUGHTER

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 2.—E. W. Seale, former E. P. & S. W. agent at Vaughn, who shot and killed Vincent Strickland at that place, who was to have been tried before Judge David J. Leahy, sitting at Santa Rosa, pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Seale had been indicted by the grand jury for murder, but his plea of manslaughter was accepted by the court.

Bernardino Lopez pleaded guilty to firing a gun in the town of Vaughn. Virgil L. Cortez pleaded guilty to forging an order on the Acme Mercantile company. All three of the men who have pleaded guilty were indicted by the grand jury.

Assistant District Attorney Chester A. Hunter reported that 15 cases were examined by the Guadalupe county grand jury, over which he had charge. A total of ten indictments were returned and five no true bills were found.

Francisco Rael, who was indicted during the May session of the grand jury, pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting Ramonetta Shaw, a child 14 years of age. None of the men who have pleaded guilty have been sentenced.

Elephant Butte Farmers To Vote on Contracts

Las Cruces, N. M., Oct. 2.—The shareholders of the Elephant Butte Water Users' association have voted on three propositions, all of which vitally affect their organization and interests. Briefly, they involve:

(1) The ratification of a contract between the association and the United States for the taking over by the association of the operation and maintenance of the Leasburg unit, with provisions for the taking over of the various units of the project as fast as completed on the most favorable possible basis.

(2) The ratification of a second contract which will give the association the privilege of proceeding with the installation of the Leasburg power project; and,

(3) The ratification of certain proposed amendments to the articles of incorporation of the association which, if adopted, will make for the more efficient management of the association, and the better representation of the various districts on the governing board of the association.

All of the issues are important, and are expected to get the affirmative vote of the shareholders.

Baby Drowned in An Irrigation Ditch

Astee, N. M., Oct. 2.—Isabel, the 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chance Dufur, was drowned in the big ditch just above the house where they are living, on the old Tom McGee ranch. The father was preparing to come to town and left the child a few minutes, and while it is not known exactly how she happened to fall into the ditch, it is supposed that she was playing with the dog and got too close to the ditch. She was found floating in the ditch only a few minutes after being missed, but all efforts to restore breathing were fruitless.

TWO DISLOCATE ARMS CRANKING FRACTIOUS FORD

Mountainair, N. M., Oct. 2.—Florin Chavez, the 15-year-old son of Jacobo Chavez, dislocated his arm at the elbow while cranking his father's Ford. The boy is likewise carrying his arm in a sling, having suffered a fractured bone when cranking an auto.

SIERRA WOMEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPES

KNOCKED DOWN AND THROWN BY HORSES; ONE PONY COLLIDES WITH A COW.

Hillshow, N. M., Oct. 2.—Mrs. H. W. Hearn, of Fairview, narrowly escaped a horrible death at the home ranch. The boys were in the corral roping horses when Mrs. Hearn, who is an expert horsewoman, went out to rope her own cowpony. One of the boys inadvertently threw his rope loop over the flanks of a bronco which bore, starting a stampede. Mrs. Hearn was struck and knocked down, two of the horses falling on her. She was picked up and hastily carried into the house. It was as first thought she had been injured internally. Dr. White, who was summoned from Hot Springs, could, however, find no broken bones, and it is now believed she will recover.

Mrs. F. W. Moffett had a narrow escape from serious injury near here when the horse she was riding fell with her. She was coming to town post haste to get medicine for her pet hunting dog "Rube," who had been harpooned by a rattlesnake. At the McPherson ranch her horse collided with a cow, and for a moment there was a general smashup—the rider, the horse and the cow all mixed up in one grand scramble. Happily, however, Mrs. Moffett escaped with a few slight bruises and a bad scare.

Substantial Progress On State Road Work Near Fort Sumner

Fort Sumner, N. M., Oct. 2.—Substantial progress has been made on the state road work here during the last week. Assistant Foreman Sid Nutt completed the grading of the roadway south of the bridge and that force has crossed the bridge and good headway has been made on the approach to the north side. The road-way here has been widened to 24 feet and an easy grade provided. The grading of this section began Tuesday morning. This section through the valley has been pronounced by competent authority to be the best road built by the state in eastern New Mexico.

Assistant Foreman Collier, in charge of the Ricardo work, has completed a fine crossing over the Santa Fe near Agordo; this completing the abo highway from the bridge to Ricardo. Part of this force has been moved to Elvadora switch and work started on the last stretch of Yaso. Assistant Foreman Cudde has charge of the work there. The clearing gang and Chasbliss and Barton have their work well ahead of the grading gang.

When the road is completed to Yaso, Fort Sumner will have a good automobile road to Vaughn and other points farther west.

State Road Foreman Jones left Wednesday for Clovis, where he will start another grading gang building approaches to three new bridges being built under direction of State Engineer French.

Mr. Jones reports the completion of the road across the Baker sands south of Kenna. This opened the road from Roswell to Clovis and autoists are driving from Clovis to Roswell in five hours and less.

Work on the state road from Roswell west to Tularosa has made remarkable progress since Superintendent Davidson took charge and this will be one of the finest roads in the state when completed.

Lightning Kills Mule; Owner Knocked Cold

Tucumcari, N. M., Oct. 2.—Lightning struck and killed a mule belonging to Mr. Harold, who recently bought the Henry Smith farm southwest of Tucumcari.

Mr. Harold, together with two other men, were returning home from Tucumcari during a thunder storm. When near Piper Moore's place on the Quip road the mule was struck dead and the three men knocked from the wagon in which they were riding. Mr. Harold fell unconscious near the dead mule, but soon recovered. When he arose he found one mule dead and the other unharmed.

At the instant the lightning struck the mule, an auto load of people from Tucumcari was passing and was only a few yards away. The driver, young or son of C. M. Keeler, was slightly shocked. Another auto load was a short distance behind the car driven by Keeler, but not close enough to notice the shock. It is rather miraculous that all parties escaped.

Motorist Charged With Causing Child's Death Near Vegas

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 2.—Charged with causing the death of Richard Graham, the 3-year-old son of William Graham, a ranchman living near Levy, late Saturday afternoon, J. M. Crow, a tourist from Leon, Tex., was arrested here by Officer E. C. Ward. Later Crow was taken to Wagon Mound by a deputy sheriff of Mora county. Before leaving here he told Chief of Police Ben Colles that the child had run in front of his car while playing in the road near the Graham home. The fender struck the child's head, causing instant death.

According to Crow's story, the father of the boy saw the boy killed, and admitted it was the result of an accident, and accepted \$50 toward paying the little fellow's funeral expenses. An inquest was held in the court of Justice C. L. Fraker, Jr. Saturday evening, and the verdict returned was that the boy's death had been caused by negligent driving on the part of J. M. Crow.

Crow was traveling with his family and was coming toward Las Vegas.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

LAS VEGAS PAVING—Ground has been broken preliminary to paving the streets which surround the Plaza park on the west side in Las Vegas. The work will be done by the California-Arizona Construction company. The paving is to be bituminous, on a six-inch cement foundation, and is of the highest class, similar to paving in Albuquerque, Flagstaff, Tucson, Douglas, El Paso and other modern towns.

BRIDGE AT RESERVE—The Socorro county commissioners, at a recent session, ordered that bids be received for erecting a steel bridge across the San Francisco river near Reserva. This is a bridge that has been needed for a long time and will prove of great benefit to all the west side of the county.

SHIPPING CATTLE—The first consignment of livestock from the Cimarron section of Colfax county has been shipped from Cimarron when H. H. Chandler loaded two cars of cattle for the Kansas City market. Owing to the shortage of feed on the winter range and the hay crop this summer, says the News-Citizen, it is stated by cattlemen that more than the usual number of cows will be shipped to market this fall rather than take the chance of losing a large number should a hard winter ensue.

BUYS LEACHING MILL—H. L. Rule, who has a 30 year lease on mines in the Ladrone mountains, Socorro county, returned there last week from El Paso, where he purchased a leaching mill which he will install at the mines he has under lease.

IS SALOON NUISANCE?—Information has been filed by the district attorney's office at Las Vegas that a saloon is being conducted in the town of Mues, San Miguel county, which is said to have less than 100 inhabitants. According to the state law, a saloon is a town of less than 100 inhabitants is considered a nuisance. The sheriff's office has investigated the matter. Several affidavits were filed with the district attorney, all of them stating that the town has not the 100 inhabitants necessary for the legal support of a saloon.

BLACK CLOUD SHOWERS TREASURE—The Black Cloud Milling & Mining company, of the Magdalena district of Socorro county, is running a new mill on a 12-hour shift now, but expects after the first of the month to run a 24-hour shift. The mine has an immense amount of ore in sight, says the Magdalena News, and it looks as though this was going to be one of the big producers in this mineral belt. The company also expects to be able in a short time to handle custom work.

FIREBUG FIRES ELEVATOR—The Moehler & Green grain elevator at Bedman, Union county, was discovered on fire at 3 o'clock one morning, and as no fire fighting apparatus was at hand it burned down. It was insured for only \$1,700. The cause of the fire is unknown, but an automobile had evidently been at the scene, tracks nearby were traced as far as Den Moines, and it is believed the fire was of incendiary origin. This elevator was erected last year and was entirely new throughout. On account of a short grain crop this year the elevator had not been used this fall.

BIG IRRIGATION PROJECT—Construction has been commenced on the Eagle's Nest irrigation project, in Colfax county, confirming the announcement by the Cimarron Valley Land company, Charles Spritzer, president and treasurer, that plans had been perfected for the large dam 13 miles west of Cimarron, which, when completed, will impound waters sufficient to irrigate at least 50,000 acres of choice land within a very few miles of Cimarron to the south and east.

TOWNDROW CASE AGAIN—The full term of the Quay county district court opened in Tucumcari yesterday. The John Towndrow murder case, on change of venue from Colfax county, is set for trial before the Quay county court on Wednesday, October 11th.

BAD AUTO ACCIDENT—G. M. Henderson, of Hillsboro, met with a serious auto accident when he lost control of his car on Bullion Hill. The car went over an embankment and turned over twice. Dr. Given was called and found Mr. Henderson suffering from numerous bruises, none of which is considered serious.

TURNER A CANDIDATE—John W. Turner, a well known Grant county cattleman, has agreed to make the race for the lower house of the state legislature on the Democratic ticket. He takes the place on the ticket of Frank Vesley, originally nominated, but whose acceptance was merely tentative, pending the securing of another candidate.

LOVE CAUSES SUICIDE—Valentia Gutierrez, Jr., aged about fifteen years, a resident of Pinos Altos, Grant county, where his father, Valentine Gutierrez, is engaged in business, committed suicide in that place by shooting himself through the heart. Disappointment over a love affair is given as the reason for the young man's act. This is the third death in the family in the last eighteen months, his mother and sister having died within that period.

TWENTY-FOUR TRUE BILLS—After a four-day term of investigation and deliberation, the Curry county grand jury, reported to Judge Granville A. Richardson twenty-four true bills and six no true bills; the number of true bills being sensationally unexpected as it was deemed that the criminal docket would be rather light.

FAIR DATES CHANGED—At a meeting of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce and the Curry County Fair Commission the dates for the 1916 county exhibit were changed from October 11th and 12th to the 19th and 20th, the reason for the change in dates being occasioned by the late maturity of grain crops, and the short interval which the fair commission would have for preparation should the fair be held upon the 11th and 12th of October.

Helping to Break G.O.P. Fettters Off New Mexico

"I recognize the New Mexican's efforts as heroic in trying to break New Mexico loose from the curse of unprincipled men and interests," says Captain S. C. publisher of the "Spanish-American" at Roy, in a letter to the Republican state central committee explaining at some length and very frankly why he doesn't care to publish false and libelous Republican advertisements.

The New Mexican modestly disclaims heroism. It isn't heroism; it's a pleasure.

Here is how this fearless and aggressive New Mexico editor feels about the Republican advertisement:

"I am in receipt of your two-column plate advertisement attacking Governor McDonald over the Las Cruces Bank affair."

"I have read it over carefully and, in view of the published facts in the case and the conditions which are well known, I can consider it not only libelous but wickedly untrue."

"It would be as sensible to hold the governor responsible for the 30 private Polish and Italian banks that recently went broke in Chicago, and I certainly refuse to print it."

"I have printed the advertisement about the New Mexican as it is less vicious and harmful, but I do not care to print any more like it. While I do not agree with the New Mexican's aims and things—I wish I had their ability and the money. I recognize their efforts as heroic in trying to break New Mexico loose from the curse of unprincipled men and interests who would give us a repetition of the conditions which Oklahoma still witnesses under from the same class of men and principles who did get control of her at the tradition to statehood. It would be a travesty on modern intelligence to allow such a crime to be repeated in New Mexico with the lesson so recently before us."

"I am not unmindful of the fact that Governor McDonald very recently stood between me and a term in the penitentiary and financial ruin felted upon me by those who would have muzzled my efforts to expose political persecution, graft and piracy, but that is a minor matter. In refusing this advertisement of yours I do it because it is wrong because it has been proven untrue and because the men who instigated its publication are men against whom truthful charges far worse in effect have been filed and proven true, and who do not attempt to deny them."

"If you will furnish reliable evidence that the charges made by the New Mexican against your candidates are untrue, I will be glad to publish it and to believe it—but in the face of a situation which I have much reason to believe would, in the event of a Republican victory in the election this fall, make it the part of prudence for me and many other champions of decent politics to leave the state, I can not publish your advertisement. You would despise me if I did under the circumstances."

"I am a Democrat, after more than 20 years of active service in the Republican party in another state, simply because the Democratic party in New Mexico is in the hands of men who are fighting for political decency and a square deal. If the party ever falls into unwholesome hands here as it has in some places and did here once, I shall leave it."

"I trust you will get my viewpoint and am ready to reimburse you if you wish for the expense of your plate advertisement."

AGED SHEEPMAN IS TORTURED; REFUSES TO TELL WHEREABOUTS OF SUPPOSED TREASURE

SOCORRO, N. M., Oct. 3.—Juan Chavez, a hermit sheep grower living several miles west of San Marcial, was set upon by two Mexicans, bound and severely beaten about the head in an effort to compel him to reveal his hidden treasure. The aged victim of their brutality steadfastly refused, however, to do as his assailants wished, and was finally left bound and alone in his cabin. It was near morning when he at last managed to free himself from his bonds. He then set out for the E. C. Eaton ranch, which he reached in a pitiable condition. He thought he recognized one of his assailants, Sheriff James and Ed Dodd went to that neighborhood as soon as the report was received in Socorro and arrested two suspicious characters and lodged them in the county jail.

FOUR PRISONERS GET SENTENCE AT SANTA ROSA

JUDGE LEAHY CONCLUDES BUSY SESSION OF DISTRICT COURT IN GUADALUPE COUNTY

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 3.—District Judge David J. Leahy and party have returned from Santa Rosa, after having held one of the busiest sessions of the Guadalupe county court in the history of that county, says the Optic. Before returning to Las Vegas Judge Leahy sentenced the prisoners who pleaded guilty and who were convicted last week. The following sentences were imposed:

G. W. Seale, who pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, six to 10 years at hard labor in the state penitentiary at Santa Fe. Seale was the El Paso & Southwestern railway watchman at Vaughn. He shot and killed Vincent Strickland, who was en route from town to Arizona.

Bernardo Lopez, who pleaded guilty to firing a gun in the town of Vaughn, was sentenced to serve 90 days in the county jail at Santa Rosa. Virgil L. Cortez, who pleaded guilty to obtaining goods under false pretenses, was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail. He was indicted by the grand jury for forging an order on the Moise Brothers Mercantile company at Santa Rosa.

Francisco Rael, who pleaded guilty to rape, was sentenced to serve from six to eight years at hard labor in the state penitentiary at Santa Fe. Thomas Riddle, who was convicted of larceny of cattle, was sentenced to serve from three and one-half years to five years in the penitentiary.

Thomas Riddle is a ranchman residing near Alamo in Guadalupe county, was found guilty of larceny of two cattle. A motion for a new trial will be filed by his attorneys and the case probably will go to the supreme court of the state.

WOMAN'S CLUBS IN SESSION TODAY AT THE MEADOW CITY

ANNUAL MEETING OF NEW MEXICO FEDERATION OPENS AT LAS VEGAS; AUTO TRIP FEATURE OF ENTERTAINMENT

(By Leased Wire to New Mexican) East Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 3.—The annual meeting of the New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs was opened here today for a three-day session. Mayor H. M. Smith and representative of the Sorority and Woman's Clubs of this city welcomed the delegates and a response was made by Mrs. R. T. Asplund, of Santa Fe, president of the federation.

On Thursday afternoon the delegates will be guests of the Las Vegas clubs on an automobile trip and picnic. A feature of the convention is a display of paintings by artists who found inspiration in the ancient Mexican-Indian village of Taos.

\$100,000 RANCH DEAL—Mardelena, N. M., Oct. 2.—Henry Goessling, of the western side of this county, has sold his Apache mountain ranch and holdings to Reno Bros., of Douglas, Ariz., the consideration being \$100,000.

Another One That Doesn't Need the Money

(From the Springer Times.) The Times had agreed to run some advertising matter for the Republican state committee at regular advertising rates, but when the copy reached our desk we were compelled to refuse to publish it.

The Springer Times is one Democratic paper that is not a "fence" for such libelous Republican junk that was sent us. We make our living selling advertising space but whenever we have to resort to the publication of such "mush" that was sent us in order to eat three "squares" per day, we'll quit the newspaper business.

Takes 29 Ballots to Decide Fight For Lincoln Sheriff Nomination

C. WALKER HYDE SUCCESSFUL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE; OTHER NOMINATIONS MADE AT CARRIZO CONVENTION

Carrizozo, N. M., Oct. 3.—It required 29 ballots to decide the Democratic nomination for sheriff of Lincoln county, at the Democratic county convention. On the 29th ballot C. Walker Hyde, whose name had been presented, but who had withdrawn, was nominated, neither John B. Baird nor George C. Clements, the other candidates, having been able to secure a majority. The other nominations made follow:

Assessor—Presented: J. L. Bryan, Harry Edmiston, Frank Salazar. On the eighth ballot Salazar was nominated with 37 votes to 17 for Bryan. Treasurer—W. O. Norman, of Lincoln, nominated by acclamation. County Clerk—William Kimball, of Pecos, nominated by acclamation. Probate Judge—Marline Chavez, of Pecos, nominated by acclamation. Superintendent of Schools—John E. Koonce, of Capitan, nominated by acclamation. County Surveyor—R. B. Robinson, of Bonito, nominated by acclamation. Commissioners—First District: Ralph Dow, Candido Chavez, C. R. Hamilton and John L. Bryan present.

ed. Bryan nominated on second ballot.

Second District: Melvin Franks and S. R. Moss presented. Franks nominated on fourth ballot. Third District: A. J. Gilmore, B. P. Goff and Julian Taylor presented. Gilmore nominated on third ballot. Representative in Legislature—Buel R. Wood and R. C. Sowder, of Pecos, presented. Mr. Wood declined the nomination and Mr. Sowder was nominated.

Frank W. Gurney was re-elected chairman, and Candido Chavez, secretary, of the Lincoln county central committee.

The county ticket nominated by the Republicans of Lincoln county follows:

For Treasurer—A. J. Rolland. For Clerk—O. T. Nye. For Assessor—Alfred Gonzales. For Sheriff—Henry Corn. For Superintendent of Schools—Mrs. O. E. De Nison. For Commissioners, First District—Manuel Analla. For Commissioner, Second District—Fred Latone. For Commissioner, Third District—Felipe Sanchez. For Probate Judge—Lerdo Chavez. For Representative—Ira O. Wetmore.

Is There No Law That Will Cover This Case?

Under the McDonald Democratic administration state banking has shown an unprecedented growth and prosperity. TWELVE new banks have been organized.

There are FIVE MILLIONS in new resources.

THREE AND A HALF MILLIONS in new deposits.

FOUR AND A HALF MILLIONS in new loans and disbursements.

NEARLY EIGHT THOUSAND people of New Mexico have entrusted their savings to these banks in the past year.

As national banks depend for their stability on government supervision so do state banks depend for their stability on state supervision.

Confidence in the present honest and efficient state supervision has been the chief factor in the present soundness and prosperity and growth of state banks in New Mexico.

The Republican central committee is deliberately seeking to ruin this confidence and impair this soundness.

The Republican state central committee is seeking to weaken the confidence of 32,000 depositors in the safety of their NINE MILLION DOLLARS deposits.

The Republican state central committee is seeking to weaken the confidence of the men behind FIFTY-SEVEN STATE BANKS in the safety of these banks.

The Republican state central committee is attacking the stability of the TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS resources of these banks.

The Republican state central committee, at the behest of a chairman who is angry because his bank had to go into the hands of a receiver, is striking a dangerous and a vital blow at the prosperity of your state.

The Republican state central committee is TAMPERING WITH THE WELFARE AND THE HAPPINESS AND THE FUTURE OF THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND MEN AND WOMEN OF NEW MEXICO; THE WIDOWS, THE ORPHANS, THE AGED, THE SICK, THE TOILING, THE FRUGAL POOR, who would lose their all if sufficient suspicion were cast on the stability of these splendid institutions.

The Republican state central committee has begun an attack the logical RESULT OF WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, WOULD BE A PANIC.

The Republican state central committee is SEEKING TO ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS of hard-earned New Mexico money.

The Republican state central committee, the spokesman of the wealthy corporations of New Mexico, is IMPERILING THE SAVINGS OF THE COMMON PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO by seeking to convince them their moneys are not under honest supervision.

The Republican state central committee, to elect "business men," is menacing the solvency and the business prosperity of every business man in New Mexico.

There are very strict laws to punish those who do anything to impair the standing or cast doubt on the stability of banking institutions.

IS THERE NO LAW TO COVER THIS CASE?

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

The state department of education is today sending out to teachers the questions for the examination to be held all over the state October 8 and 7. This is the last opportunity afforded teachers to make up conditions and pass in subjects in which they failed this summer.

FRAUD ORDER ISSUED

A post office bulletin received today announces that a fraud order has been issued against the Silent Success League and Mrs. E. H. Hender, at Los Angeles; also against the Empire State Collection Co. and Stephen C. Kelly, 409 Exchange Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

WANTED to hear from owner of good farm for sale. State cash price and description. D. P. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Charles T. Shively, secretary of the local civil service board, announced today the following examinations:

October 17—Gardner, male, \$720 a year.
October 18-19—Field agent, male, \$1,008 a year.
October 24—Junior inspector, male, \$2,500 a year; fiber inspector, male, \$1,600 to \$2,000 a year; assistant in marketing investigations, male, \$1,800 to \$2,000.

SERGEANT SUICIDES

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 4.—The body of Sergeant Frank A. Alexander, of the quartermaster corps, United States army, stationed at Fort Clark, Tex., was found at his home here last night with a bullet wound through his head. The coroner's verdict was "suicide."